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SUBJ: AGENDA (SCENARIO) FOR CONTINUING INFORMAL

TALKS GOB RE SURPLUS US NAVY LAND BERMUDA

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1. PROPOSED SCENARIO FOR CONTINUING INFORMAL TALKS FOLLOWS:

(A) CAUSEWAY-BRIDGE-ROAD COMPLEX - ASSUMING THERE NO OBJECTIONS TO  
OUR CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS WITH GOB ON THIS AND OTHER RELATED  
ISSUES WE PROPOSE PROBE (1) WHAT DOES GOB ACTUALLY MEAN BY  
"TAKE OVER" CAUSEWAY-BRIDGE-ROAD COMPLEX. USG WOULD UNDER

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GOB INITIAL PROPOSAL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE ONLY.

OPERATION OF BRIDGE WHICH NOT INCLUDED IN USG RESPONSIBILITIES

BY GOB ENTAILS RETAINING TWO BRIDGE ATTENDANTS NOW SALARIED BY

USN. OUR GOAL IS TO HAVE GOB ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY

ENTIRE COMPLEX. (2) JURISDICTION - PRESENTLY UNDER INFORMAL

AGREEMENT GOB EXERCISES TRAFFIC JURISDICTION ON COMPLEX OVER

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL -NAVY OVER U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL. SUITABLE

JURISDICTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE NEEDED IF CONTROL

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OF COMPLEX CHANGES. WE ALSO NEED TO ENSURE OUR ACCESS AT ALL TIMES.

(3) FERRY REACH (KINDLEY FIELD) ROAD - GOV HAS INITIALLY AGREED TO ACCEPT M&R RESPONSIBILITY FOR ROAD. HOWEVER ANY BACK LEASING MUST INCLUDE FULL PROTECTION FOR USG RE USEAGE FERRY REACH LAND AREA AND ROAD INCLUDING EXCLUSION OF STRUCTURES, UNOBSTRUCTED GLIDE PATHS, CONFORMITY WITH FLIGHT REQUIREMENTS, ETC.  
(B) LAND AVAILABLE EAST END FROM GOB -(1) WITHOUT COMMITMENT FROM USG WE WOULD SEEK OBTAIN DATA ON WHAT AREAS GOB COULD EITHER LEASE US OR OBTAIN FOR US AT EAST END BY LOCATION AND DIMENSION. (2) IF GOB IS FORTHCOMING WITH AREA/S AND INFORMATION NAS WILL FORWARD DATA TO HIGHER COMMAND. (C) LAND AVAILABLE FOR GOB AT WEST END (NAVAL ANNEX) - (1) OUR INITIAL APPROACH WOULD BE TO OPEN

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WITH OFFER 5 SITES AS FOLLOWS: DOCKYARD (.015 ACRES); DANIELS HEAD (.530 ACRES); GIBBS HILL (.810 ACRES); CEMETARY HILL (1.475 ACRES); SKINNERS HILL (.980 ACRES); TOTAL -3.810 ACRES.  
(2) THIS WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION OF: 25 ACRES -  
(APPROX) ABOUT 5.3 ACRES IN SW CORNER. NOTE: 5.3 ACRES AND 5 SMALL AREAS OFFSET 8 ACRES AT EAST END NOW AVAILABLE FROM GOB. WE WOULD ALSO INDICATE REMAINING 2/3 PENINSULAR ARE (O/A 50 ACRES) (LESS FUELING FACILITY) ALSO AVAILABLE FOR EVENTUAL POSSESSION.  
(3) WE WOULD THEN DISCUSS FACILITIES IN ANNEX INCLUDING FIRE STATION AND ACCESS ROAD. (4) WE WOULD DEFER ELECTRIC POWER DISCUSSION PENDING RECEIPT OF REPORT OF PROGRESS BEING MADE WITH BERMUDA ELECTRIC CO. RE USE THEIR POWER FACILITIES. (5) WE WOULD DEFER DISCUSSION FURTHER RELEASE OF ANNEX LAND PENDING INSTRUCTIONS VIA DOD-STATE CHANNELS REGARDING POSSIBLE UTILIZATION  
LAND AVAILABLE EAST END ASSUMING GOB HAS OR WILL MAKE AVAILABLE ADDITIONAL ACREAGE AT EAST END WHICH CAN BE UTILIZED BY NAVY.  
(D) TACTICS - WE WOULD KEEP MEETINGS OPEN-ENDED UNTIL SUCH A TIME AS WE HAVE EXPLORED ALL POSSIBILITIES SUCH AS UTILIZATION BELCO POWER, POSSIBLE USE OF GOB EAST END LAND, ETC. AT SUCH A TIME AS WE ARE INSTRUCTED AND IT IS AGREED WITHIN USG THAT ALL

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AVENUES HAVE BEEN THOROUGHLY EXPLORED WE WOULD REQUEST OF THE GOB CONFIDENTIAL

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VIA THE GOVERNOR FORMAL MEETINGS. COMMENTS - BERMUDA WHICH HAS EXISTED FOR 350 YEARS BY TRADING AND GETTING OTHERS TO FOOT THE BILL IS STILL OPERATING ON SAME PHILOSOPHY. THUS FAR WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO ASCERTAIN ANY REAL DESIRE ON PART OF GOB FOR THE RETURN OF ANY PARTICULAR LAND  
OR FACILITY AT ANNEX. WHAT WE HAVE DISCUSSED  
WITH THEM SO FAR ARE THE LEAST DESIREABLE AREAS OR AREAS WHICH WE

WILL SURRENDER ON JOINT USEAGE BASIS. OBVIOUSLY THEY WOULD LIKE  
THE WHOLE PENINSULAR AND MAINLAND OF THE ANNEX IF IT WERE PROVIDED  
FREE. WE WOULD HOPE THAT IN THE COURSE OF CONTINUING  
INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WHAT THEY REALLY WANT FROM US WILL SURFACE  
SO WE CAN ESTABLISH A GENUINE QUID PRO QUO BASIS WITH GOB.

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